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An excellent preservative of the Teeth and Gums, with a pleasant, refreshing aromatic taste. Price 50 cents per pot.  
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Combines slightly astringent properties with the antiseptic and cleansing qualities of the Cherry Paste. Price 50 cents per pot.  
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Hongkong, 21st September, 1891. [2165]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

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THE Company's Steamship

"FORKEN."

Captain D. W. will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 15th inst., at Noon.

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Hongkong, 19th September, 1891. [2165]

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FOR VICTORIA, B.C. AND PORTLAND (OREGON) VIA JAPAN PORTS.

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Hongkong, 21st September, 1891. [2167]

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Captain Brown, will be despatched as above on about WEDNESDAY, the 30th inst.

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Hongkong, 21st September, 1891. [2172]

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Hongkong, 21st September, 1891. [2168]

NOTICE

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Hongkong, 4th August, 1891. [1847]

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C. S. ARTHUR, MANAGER.

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(Under the distinguished patronage of the Imperial House.)

THIS FINE HOTEL is situated within

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There are no inside rooms, thus securing well lighted, ventilated, and cheerful accommodation. The Cuisine cannot be surpassed, and the aid of the management is to provide for the comfort and pleasure of the guests. The attractions of Tokyo are countless, and the religious and social festivals being of daily occurrence and to be seen at their best on a grander scale than in any other portion of Japan. All the hotel's amenities and suggestions will be supplied to their best advantage.

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Hongkong, 4th August, 1891. [1847]

## INFORMATION

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the MEMBERS of the above Society

will be held at the City Hall, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd inst., at 5 o'clock.

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1891. [2141]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, on SATURDAY, the 28th inst., at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1891.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 20th September, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 15th September, 1891. [2137]

THE CHINA BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, That an EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS

will be held at the Office of Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., 21, Upper Circular Road, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of considering the Resolutions passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 10th inst., and of electing a Liquidator for the winding up of the Company.

1.—That the Company be wound up voluntarily and that John Wheeler, of Hongkong, be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purpose of winding up the Company.

2.—That the draft Agreement submitted to this Meeting, and expressed to be made between this Company and its Liquidator of the one part, and the Hongkong Jockey Club, Limited, of the other part, be and the same is hereby approved, and that the said Liquidator be and he is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement with such new Company (upon incorporation) in the terms of the said draft, and to carry the same into effect.

On the above Resolutions being passed the proceedings as to the winding up of the Company and the powers conferred on the Liquidator will be proceeded with and executed under the provisions of Section CLIX. of Ordinances No. 1 of 1863 of the Ordinances of Hongkong.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 11th September, 1891. [2111]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

AT AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB held in the CITY HALL, on FRIDAY, the 11th inst., the following Special Resolution was submitted to the Members of the Hongkong Jockey Club and passed:

"That Mr. Robert Fraser Smith shall be elected Liquidator of the Club."

By Order of the Club.

T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Club.

Hongkong, 12th September, 1891. [2118]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the CLUB will be held in the CITY HALL, on FRIDAY, the 2nd October, at 4 P.M.

T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Club.

Hongkong, 19th September, 1891. [2169]

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES

ORDINANCES OF 1865.

AND

IN THE MATTER OF A. G. GORDON & COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, That the ORDINATORS of the above-named Company are required, on or before the 4th day of OCTOBER, 1891, to send their names and addresses, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors if any, to the Undersecretary ALEXANDER B. BORDO, of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, the Liquidator of the said Company, and if so required by notice in writing by the Liquidator, are by their solicitors to come in and prove their said Debts or Claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such Debts are proved.

Dated the 24th day of August, 1891.

A. G. GORDON,

Liquidator.

1891

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

SUIT No. 48 of 1891.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANTONIO DOS REMEDIOS, DECEASED.

BETWEEN THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED, PLAINTIFFS,

AND

SYLVIA MARIA DOS REMEDIOS and ANTONIO GIGIO DOS REMEDIOS, DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE is hereby given, That the Honourable the Chief Justice having, in virtue of Ordinance No. 2 of 1870, Section 3, made an Order limiting, to the 14th November, 1891, the time for Creditors and others to send in their Claims against the said Estate.

All Creditors are hereby required to send in their Claims to the Undersecretary before the said date, and all persons indebted to the said Estate are requested to make immediate payment.

Dated the 14th day of September, 1891.

WOPSON & DAISON,

Solicitors for the Plaintiff.

35, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS OF DAVID MCULLOCH, LATE OF VICTORIA, HONGKONG, MERCHANT ASSISTANT, DECEASED.

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Dated the 14th day of September, 1891.

WOTTON & DRAGON,

Solicitors for the Estate.

35, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

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## INTIMATIONS

L. A. MARIA CRISTINA

CIGAR FACTORY, MANILA.

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The splendid Cigars and Cigarettes from the above Factory were awarded Gold Medals in different Exhibitions and the highest Diploma of Honour in the Melbourne and Adelaide Exhibitions. To be had at their Cigar Depot, No. 8, D'Almeida St., Hongkong, 23rd June, 1891. [22076]

HONGKONG, 24th April 1891. [21802]

THE NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED 1845.

TOTAL ASSETS ON JANUARY 1, 1891 \$115,847,300

AMOUNT ASSURED \$569,333,738

SUBSIDIARY BY NEW YORK STATE \$14,598,450

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Known as the oldest and most reliable Estab-

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HONGKONG, 3th February, 1891.

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SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.

HONGKONG, 7th August, 1891.

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FRESH GARDEN SEEDS.

and we are now accepting all orders for the same. Complete Catalogues with concise directions for sowing, can be obtained on application or will be posted to any address. In these Catalogues the seeds are Marginally Numbered in English and Chinese, and when ordering it is quite sufficient to state the numbers of the kinds required.

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Sold in Tins containing 100 lbs each. \$1.00.

Bigs. 250. \$2.00.

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LAWN MOWERS.

The best and cheapest mowers in the market for sale at manufacturers' prices.

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

HONGKONG, 17th September, 1891.

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DEATH.

At the General Hospital, Shanghai, on the 14th September, WALTER PRESS, aged 60 years.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 21st, 1891.

After much urging the Chinese Government was in 1889 induced to undertake the dredging of the Woosung Bar. The obstruction at the entrance of the chief port of China was termed by Prince Kung a heaven-sent barrier, and the term has since stuck to it, being generally taken to mean that the bar was in the opinion of the Chinese a providentially arranged hindrance to the free access of foreigners. It was explained, however, did not serve to divert the phrase of its more sinister meaning in the minds of foreigners, which in view of the ultra-exclusiveness of the Chinese Government is, perhaps, not surprising. From a Chinese point of view anything which tended to hinder the intrusion of foreigners or their ships or to impede

their trade would naturally, it was supposed, be regarded as a literal some as a heaven-sent barrier. Taking the phrase, however, in the milder sense read into it by the explanation above referred to it is interesting to note that the Mersey Dock Board have until recently taken a somewhat similar view with regard to the Mersey Bar, that Prince Kung took with regard to the Woosung Bar. Vessels of deep draught cannot go over the bar across the estuary of the river Mersey except for a couple of hours before and after high water, and the Transatlantic mail steamers should reach the entrance to the port at or near low water they must "lie to" until the tide rises sufficiently to allow them to cross. This involves not only a loss of time, but a serious risk of danger while the vessels are cruising about waiting for the tide. Many complaints have been made by shipowners and others against this obstruction to navigation being allowed to continue, but the Mersey Dock Board, who are the conservators of the river, have, as we read in a recent issue of the Times, "hesitated to budge with the bar, lest by 'shifting the sand' in one quarter they 'might create greater mischief elsewhere.'"

This was in effect the same reason that they advanced by the Chinese Authorities for their disinclination to deal with the Woosung Bar. Some time ago, however, it was determined to make an experiment for the removal of the Mersey bar, or at least, for deepening the channels of navigation which now intersect it. It was resolved to use steam dredges of great power. The vessels are fitted with adjustable pipes, the nozzles of which pass over the surface of the sandbanks, and by means of pneumatic pumps, suck up the sand and discharge it into barges alongside. Mr. G. F. Lysons, engineer to the Mersey Board, in his official report just issued, gives the results of the operations so far as they have proceeded. After less than a year's work the quantity of sand removed up to the present time is 350,000 tons. The original estimate was that the removal of 800,000 tons of material would, provided there was no re-deposit, effect a deepening of 6ft. 6in. below the shallowest depth then found—viz., 11ft. below low-water spring tides, for a length of channel of 3,000ft., with a width of 1,000ft. The amount removed up to date—viz., 350,000 tons—is equal to seven-eighths of this whole quantity. Comparing the most recent soundings with those taken at the commencement of the operations, it is noted that in the immediate proximity of the line on which the dredging is proceeding there were originally soundings showing a minimum depth of 11ft. below low-water spring tides, whereas at the present time the shallowest soundings in the immediate proximity of the line show depths of 18ft. and 15ft. below the same datum, the deepest soundings being some 300ft. northward of the leading line, where depths of 15ft. and 16ft. are indicated. It may, therefore, be fairly inferred, Mr. Lysons thinks, that the improvement is attributable to the dredging operations. In the early part of this year the Statistical Department of the Chinese Customs issued one of its familiar yellow books giving a record of the work done on the Woosung Bar from the 2nd May, 1889, to the 30th June, 1890. No later report has been issued, and presumably the record of the work done up to 30th June of this year will not appear until next January. Up to the 30th June, 1890, however, the direct channel over the bar had been increased by a little more than 2ft., the depth at low water spring tides being then not less than 14ft. 6 inches; but it was stated in the report of the Acting Harbour Master that no decisive opinion could be given as to the probability or otherwise of ultimate success until another summer season, with its attendant silt effects, had passed over. The results obtained since the date of the report have, however, been quite encouraging as could be wished, but it is to be hoped that success may be ultimately attained, for the doing away with the detention that sometimes occurs at Woosung would have a very beneficial effect on the trade of Shanghai and would save much loss now incurred by shipowners.

The case of Captain Colonna, late of the steamer *Namohoo*, who was convicted the other day at Singapore of making false entries in his log, is happily of a somewhat unusual description. On the passage down to Singapore from Swatow disease of a choleraic nature broke out among the passengers and crew, and there were a number of deaths, but the Captain had entered only six in his log and had given an incorrect description of the disease. The ship was fumigated and apparently all reasonable measures taken to suppress the outbreak, and by the time she arrived at Singapore there was no sickness on board. The captain, however, probably apprehending that the ship would be sent into quarantine if it was known there had been cholera on board, and desirous to save his owners from the loss that would thereby be occasioned to him, falsified his log in the way described. It would be difficult to exaggerate the gravity of the offence of making any official misrepresentation as to the number or character of the deaths occurring at sea. The matter is of importance not only as regards health and quarantine considerations, but also because any laxness in the administration of the law on this point might afford facilities for the concealment of crime, besides which there is the necessity of making a correct record of the deaths for registration purposes. No exception need be taken, therefore, to the conviction of Captain Colonna, but by Chief Justice O'Malley we think very grave exception may be taken. Six months may not be too long a term of imprisonment for the offence, but it was surely unnecessary to subject the man to the degradation of hard labour, entailing enforced association with criminals of the lowest type. The offence, serious as it was, was not of a nature calling for discipline of this character, and the punishment would be equally effective were the prisoner treated as a first-class misdemeanant. Steps ought to be taken, we think, to secure a mitigation of the sentence in this direction. Captain Colonna had just

entered on the first command, which he has lost in consequence of the proceedings in connection with this case, and his unfortunate error of judgment has greatly damaged if not utterly ruined his future prospects. To add to his punishment the degradation of "hard labour" seems under the circumstances unnecessary and cruel.

Some of the foreign refugees from Ichang arrived at Shanghai on the 19th inst. for repairs. The steamer *Albatross* was got off on Saturday morning and has gone into dock for repairs.

The M. M. steamer *Ossa*, with the mast French mail, left Saigon at 2 o'clock yesterday morning for this port.

The Marine, with whose steamer gun it will be remembered something went wrong a few days ago, has been repaired and towed safely into harbor, for destination.

A Postal note anonymous that on and after the 1st proximo goods may be sent by parcel post to British North Borneo. The rate of postage is 5 cents per pound.

Some attention in the numbering of houses on the Praya, Kennedy Town, in Haas Fung Lane, D'Almeida Street, and Stanley Street are announced in the  *Gazette*.

The *Mercury* learns that Hanks is still in a most excited state of mind, and that he has been ordered to leave the island. The public must be protected from such a profligate of the night as you, and I sentence you to three years' hard labour.

ATTEMPT TO KIDNAP A POLICE INSPECTOR. Tang Wai, a tea agent, and Wong Si, servant, were charged with attempting to bribe Police Inspector J. W. Haines.

The Acting Assistant Surgeon-General, Mr. J. W. Haines, has been ordered to leave the island. The public must be protected from such a profligate of the night as you, and I sentence you to three years' hard labour.

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## SUPREME COURT.

19th September.

ORIGINAL SESSIONS.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR JAMES ROBERTSON, CHIEF JUSTICE.

"A PROVERB OF THE STREET." Chiu Ahki was charged with stealing a box containing various articles of clothing from a house on 20th August. He pleaded not guilty. The evidence was given by a witness named D. Castro, F. B. de Almeida, A. de Silva, C. H. Thompson, F. X. de Jesus, W. H. Young, and H. J. Saunders.

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## CANTON NOTES.

19th September.

ORIGINAL SESSIONS.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR JAMES ROBERTSON, CHIEF JUSTICE.

"A PROVERB OF THE STREET." Chiu Ahki was charged with stealing a box containing various articles of clothing from a house on 20th August. He pleaded not guilty. The evidence was given by a witness named D. Castro, F. B. de Almeida, A. de Silva, C. H. Thompson, F. X. de Jesus, W. H. Young, and H. J. Saunders.

The M. M. steamer *Ossa*, with the mast French mail, left Saigon at 2 o'clock yesterday morning for this port.

The Marine, with whose steamer gun it will be remembered something went wrong a few days ago, has been repaired and towed safely into harbor, for destination.

A Postal note anonymous that on and after the 1st proximo goods may be sent by parcel post to British North Borneo. The rate of postage is 5 cents per pound.

Some attention in the numbering of houses on the Praya, Kennedy Town, in Haas Fung Lane, D'Almeida Street, and Stanley Street are announced in the  *Gazette*.

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"M. Harmand, Civil Commissioner-General in Tonkin, whose project was approved by General Combar and General Bouché, had at last succeeded in obtaining the necessity of operating in Annam, under the name of 'the time as upon Sontay in Tonkin, as the resistance in the latter country and the appearance in the field of the Black Flags were the work of the court of Ind. The Emperor, T. H. H. had just died: the moment was opportune. A small body of men to form a landing party, a 'quarantine' requisitioned from Cochinchina, with some artillery from Saigon, and a few 'mand' accompanied by M. de Champeaux, went on board the *Bayard*, which was lying the 'pennant' of Admiral Combar, in order to impose upon Annam the French flag, which our bombards were to prepare to hoist."

On the 18th of August, the *Bayard*, the *Chateau-Renaud*, the *Agua*, the *Albatross*, the *Vierge*, and the *Duquesne*, all bound on the coast of Annam, the *Albatross* and *Chateau-Renaud* being taken from Saigon 600 men of the marine infantry, 100 as the riflemen, a battery of artillery, and a hundred coolies. The three vessels were not only surrounded but the *Bayard* was taken, the *Albatross* and *Chateau-Renaud* being captured on the 19th, as the small prevented the landing of our soldiers, the enemy bombarded us with great shells, and we were obliged to retire. The *Bayard* was taken on the 19th, as the small prevented the landing of our soldiers, the enemy bombarded us with great shells, and we were obliged to retire. The *Bayard* was taken on the 19th, as the small prevented the landing of our soldiers, the enemy bombarded us with great shells, and we were obliged to retire.

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power in Tonkin until the taking of Sontay and Bao-Ninh—since at that time we wished to confine ourselves to the delta, and, moreover, to have to fight with *corps blancs*. Our country reports the army, however, was not to be less gratefully treated than the rest. The campaign began on the 12th of November, almost at the same time when the Marquis Tchang was despatched to notify an official of the presence in Tonkin of the regular Chinese troops. Hei-Dong, being attacked, was only able to escape with a few men, and the reinforcements, a new little body which brought up to about 9,000 men our forces in all. Tonkin (1) the Admiral decided to operate against Sontay.

Well armed, too, our superior in number, and consisting in great part of men to whom we had, for many years, been the only protection, the enemy during three days made an obstinate resistance from behind its formidable and cleverly constructed fortifications. A European army would not have given us more trouble. One troops (marine infantry, Algerian riflemen, the few regular legionnaires forming land parties from the squadron, Annamese riflemen from Cochinchina) lost ten per cent of the effective number engaged; this heavy defeat was, however, not without its advantages. Thanks to the ability of their chief, they were masters of the place on the 17th December, after having killed more than a thousand and captured 100 prisoners. The reinforcements, a new little body which brought up to about 9,000 men our forces in all. Tonkin (1) the Admiral decided to operate against Sontay.

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